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Sen. Petrowski/Rep. Spiros Road Safety Bill Heads to Governor's Desk

Madison, WI...Today, the State Senate passed Assembly Bill 475, authored by Senator Jerry Petrowski (*R-Marathon*) and Representative John Spiros (*R-Marshfield*). Assembly Bill 475 updates existing lighting requirements for slow-moving, animal-drawn vehicles in order to improve road safety for all drivers.

"The tragic story of a vehicle striking a buggy from behind has become far too familiar in our local papers," said Senator Petrowski. "This bill is one action we can take to increase visibility of animal-drawn vehicles, and ultimately reduce the chance of another heartbreaking accident."

Current law requires animal-drawn vehicles traveling on a highway to have one white light headlight and two red rear lights. This bill would bring further visibility to these slow-moving vehicles by requiring an additional rear flashing yellow or amber strobe light during hours of darkness and in inclement weather.

A yellow or amber strobe light is a commonly understood caution light already used on numerous slow-moving vehicles. By requiring these lights on the rear of animal-drawn vehicles, motorists will better recognize the indication to slow down and use caution on approach.

"I am grateful the Senate passed this bill today. We have seen too many accidents involving animal-drawn vehicles. AB 475 will create a safer environment for motorists and others while respecting the right of all users on our roads," said Representative Spiros.

AB 475 was previously passed in the Assembly with unanimous support. The bill now heads to the Governor to be signed into law.

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